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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

- a. ☒ is attached hereto
- b. ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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- c. ☐ was described and claimed in International Application No. filed on and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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- ☒ The attached 35 U.S.C. § 119 claim for priority for the application(s) listed below forms a part of this declaration.

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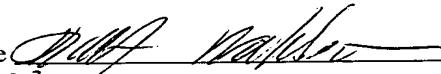
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